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114.6 CMR 3.00: Student Health Insurance Program Mandatory Health Insurance Coverage Effective August 13, 2008

The Division's regulation governing the Student Health Insurance Program at [114.6 CMR 3.03 \(1\)](#) requires all full-time and part-time students enrolled in a certificate, diploma or degree-granting program of higher education to participate in their school's qualifying student health insurance program (QSHIP) or in a health benefit plan of comparable coverage.

Recently, institutions of higher education have asked the Division to provide guidance regarding the student health insurance requirement for students enrolled only in short-term courses (i.e. the duration of the course(s) is less than or equal to 15 days per semester or 30 days total per academic year) that provide credits towards a certificate, diploma or degree. This bulletin is to notify you that under the authority of regulation 114.6 CMR 3.12, the Division will temporarily allow institutions of higher education to waive the requirement to purchase student health insurance for students enrolled in short-term courses as described above, for the current 2008 – 2009 school year.

The Division is in the process of studying this issue further to develop more permanent regulatory directives on this issue for the upcoming 2009 – 2010 school year.